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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, RH, US, PINS, PINR

SUBJECT: ANC-ZIMBABWE REQUESTS US SUPPORT

1. EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER WAS CALLED ON JAN 21 BY STEPHEN PERIRENYATWA, MILITARY SECRETARY OF ANC-ZIMBABWE (MUZOREWA) LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND MEMBER OF ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, ACCOMPANIED BY GRAY MUTAMASONGO, ANC POLITICAL COMMISSAR. THEY HAD BEEN INTRODUCED TO HIM PREVIOUS EVENING BY ANC DAR ES SALAAM REPRESENTATIVE ARTHUR NYAROTA.

2. GIST OF PERIRENYATWA'S PRESENTATION WAS THE ZIMBABWE SITUATION HAD REACHED A DANGEROUS STAGE AS RESULT OF EFFORTS BEING MADE BY SOVIETS AND KAUNDA (AND PRESUMABLY MACHEL) TO IMPOSE NKOMO ON ZIMBABWE PEOPLE. PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE WERE  
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LOYAL TO MUZOREWA, PERIRENYATWA SAID, AND IMPOSITION OF AN NKOMO GOVERNMENT COULD ONLY LEAD TO CIVIL WAR. PERIRENYATWA SAID THAT BISHOP MUZOREWA HAD INTENDED TO APPROACH USG ON THIS MATTER, AND HAD BEEN PLANNING TO VISIT DAR ES SALAAM. HOWEVER, EVENTS HAD LED HIM TO REMAIN IN SALISBURY FOR TIME BEING AND PERIRENYATWA HAD DECIDED TO APPROACH US ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT HAVE DIRECT

INSTRUCTIONS.

3. PERIRENTATWA GAVE LENGTHY ACCOUNT OF HOW NKOMO, WITH SOVIET BACKING AND KAUNDA'S SUPPORT, HAD SOUGHT TO BYPASS AND SABOTAGE ANC FROM THE MOMENT OF ITS FOUNDING IN 1974. HE SAID PATRIOTIC FRONT WAS REALLY AN NKOMO STALKING HORSE, AS MUGABE WAS ONLY A WEAK POLITICAL FIGURE WHO HAD ALLIED HIMSELF WITH NKOMO ONLY BECAUSE HE WAS OTHERWISE IN POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES. ALREADY NKOMO WAS WORKING TO TAKE OVER EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF THE FRONT. HE ASSERTED THAT BOTH KAUNDA AND NYERERE HAD ASSURED ANC THAT FRONT LINE RECOGNITION OF PATRIOTIC FRONT WAS NOT INTENDED TO EXCLUDE ANC OR OTHERS FROM PARTICIPATING IN GENEVA TALKS, ALTHOUGH FRONT ITSELF WAS OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO ISOLATE MUZOREWA, SITHOLE, AND CHIKEREMA.

4. PERIRENYATWA SAID, ANC ONLY WANTS PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE TO BE ABLE FREELY AND WITHOUT HINDRANCE TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT AND THEIR OWN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEM, ON BASIS ON ONE MAN-ONE VOTE. IT DOES NOT FAVOR ARMED STRUGGLE FOR ITS OWN SAKE, BUT ONLY AS LAST RESORT. THERE IS URGENT NEED FOR THE USG TO "DO SOMETHING" IMMEDIATELY, OR DEMOCRACY IN ZIMBABWE WILL BE THWARTED AND MANY LIVES LOST. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, APPEAR TO HAVE ANY CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT ANC WOULD LIKE USG TO DO.

5. EMBOFF THANKED PERIRENYATWA FOR OUTLINING ANC'S VIEWS, NOTING THAT NEW ADMINISTRATION LEADERS HAD REAFFIRMED US DESIRE TO PROMOTE MAJORITY RULE BY PEACEFUL MEANS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.  
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PERIRENYATWA, WHO IS BASED IN LUSAKA, SAID HE WOULD BE RETURNING THERE IN A FEW DAYS. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT MUZOREWA WAS PLANNING TO VISIT-DAR ES SALAAM, THOUGH IT WOULD NOT BE FOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS.

6. PERIRENYATWA IS STOCKY AND BEARDED, AND VERY ARTICULATE. HE APPEARED VERY SURE OF HIMSELF AND OF HIS AUTHORITY TO SPEAK FOR MUZOREWA. MUTAMASONGO IS TALL, VERY THIN MAN, WHO WAS SILENT FOR MOST OF 45 MINUTE MEETING, BUT INTERVENED AT END TO GIVE SOMEWHAT HALTING, EMOTIONAL APPEAL FOR US ASSISTANCE TO PREVENT ZIMBABWE FROM HAVING COMMUNISM IMPOSED ON IT.  
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